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## What is Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms?

SNOMED Clinical Terms (SNOMED CT) is considered to be the most comprehensive, multilingual clinical healthcare terminology in the world. SNOMED CT aims to improve patient care through the development of systems to accurately record health care encounters. Ultimately, patients will benefit from the use of SNOMED CT, for building and facilitating communication and interoperability in electronic health data exchange.

In 2004 SNOMEDCT was made the Consolidated Health Informatics Initiative (CHI) terminology of choice for various domains including nursing, anatomy, diagnosis and procedures. SNOMED CT is a caBIG approved vocabulary for use in annotating metadata in the caDSR. < link to <https://cabig.nci.nih.gov/workspaces/VCDE/Vocab-Standard-Governance-and-Review/> >

SNOMED was originally created by the College of American Pathologists (CAP) over 40 years ago. The CAP still supports SNOMED and provides services for consumers wishing to make use of the terminology. In 2007 the entire SNOMED knowledgebase was transferred to the ownership of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organization (IHTSDO) [1], of which the National Library of Medicine (NLM) is a member. The NLM makes SNOMED CT available through the UMLS Metathesaurus.

## Examples in Use

This [SNOMED-CT Browser](#) is designed to search and browse SNOMED CT (January 2009 release) for The Veterinary Medical Informatics program relative to its coverage of veterinary nomenclature and for the addition of new concepts that relate specifically to veterinary medicine.

## SNOMED and EVS

EVS extracts SNOMED CT from the UMLS Metathesaurus in RRF format and loads it into the LexBIG terminology server using their generic UMLS loader. SNOMED is also available as one of the vocabularies within the NCI Metathesaurus.

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## Discuss Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms Terminology

Please go to the [Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms Discussion](#) page to leave comments regarding the Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine-Clinical Terms Terminology.

Examples of comments may include:

- How you are using this terminology
- Why you decided to use (or not use) this terminology
- Strengths or limitations of the terminology
- Comparisons to other similar terminologies

## Links

[SNOMED CT FAQ](#)

[SNOMED CT Home Page](#)

[SNOMED CT Term Browser](#)

[NCI Metathesaurus](#)